



Docket No.: 1046.1210

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshinobu NAKAMURA

Serial No. 09/502,791

Group Art Unit: 2124

Confirmation No. 5681

Filed: February 11, 2000

Examiner: Shrader, Lawrence J.

For: LABEL ADDRESS TRANSLATING DEVICE

COMMENTS REGARDING INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

The August 24, 2005 Interview Summary generally describes the interview held on August 18, 2005, but fails to describe where the alleged October 7, 2004 and March 11, 2005 Notices of Allowances were mailed, which led to their return. It appears from the PTO records that both were mailed to the prior address (more than two years ago) of the undersigned's firm, i.e., 700 11th Street, N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20231. There is no explanation in the Interview Summary or in the file history as to why this address was used. This may raise an inference that the undersigned failed to keep the PTO advised of its correct correspondence address.

The correspondence address for this application was linked to our firm's Customer Number "21171" in December 2000. The address associated with the number at that time was the 700 11th St., N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C.. By July 2003, however, the address associated with our Customer Number is believed to have been changed globally at the PTO to 1201 New York Ave., N.W., Suite 700, Washington D.C., 20005. This is the current address of the firm.

After the 2003 address change for our Customer Number to our current address, and prior to the alleged mailing of the October 7, 2004 Notice of Allowance, a February 25, 2004 Office Action was correctly mailed to the undersigned's current address. Applicant's June 25,

2004 Response to that Office Action included as the correspondence address our customer number 21171, which again at the time was corresponded to our current New York Avenue address, as noted above.

After the filing of the June 25, 2004 Response, it appears that a change of address was made in the PTO records on July 21, 2004, but the undersigned is not aware that such change was prompted by our firm. The change of the correspondence address apparently caused our then current address to be returned to our old address, to which the October 10, 2004 and March 11, 2005 correspondence Notices of Allowance were mailed and returned, as undeliverable.

The June 6, 2005 Notice of Allowance is the first Notice of Allowance received by our firm for this application.

Upon receiving the June 6, 2005 Notice, the undersigned spoke to the Examiner on June 22, July 1, July 19, and August 17, 2005 in an effort to correct the "allowed claims" in items 2 of the Notice of Allowability, which effort led to the issuance of the August 18, 2005 facsimile providing a corrected Notice of Allowability showing claims 17-20 were allowed.

In light of the above, it is believed that the November 10, 2004 and March 11, 2005 Notices were erroneously mailed to our firm's old address.

Respectfully submitted,

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